

## Office of Child Welfare Programs

Information Memorandum  
Transmittal

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**Authorized signature****Number:** CW IM 13 011**Issue date:** 12/13/13**Topic:** Medical Benefits

Update to Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program and Information on  
**Subject:** change in process for Healthy Kids referrals

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                        | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities       | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | Disabilities Services (ODDS)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): Tribes, ILP |
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**Message:**

The Healthy Kids Program, providing medical coverage to eligible children including children leaving foster care before the age of 18, will be ending on December 31, 2013 and will no longer be handled by Branch 5508.

Beginning January 1, 2014 Children leaving foster care before the age of 18 should be provided a 7210 medical application and referred to 5503. They will have 45 days prior to the date Child Welfare medical ends to submit an application for continuous coverage.

Children leaving foster care at age 18 and above are eligible for the new Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY) Medical Program that begins January 1, 2014. This program, part of the Affordable Care Act, provides medical coverage to former foster care youth up to their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**What this means for Child Welfare offices**

The Child Welfare branch will need to refer youth leaving foster care to the appropriate Medical Program.

- Children leaving foster care before the age of 18 should be provided a 7210 medical application and referred to OHP/5503 45 days prior to medical ending.

The family has 45 days to submit the 7210 medical application before medical is closed.

- The [Chafee Medical Program Referral](#) form will continue to be available until December 31, 2013.
- For youth ages 18 up to 26, the [Former Foster Care Youth Medical Referral](#) form may be used beginning December 1, for any youth exiting care during the month of December .
- For young adults who have aged off Chafee Medical (turned age 21 or older, but not yet 26), the [Former Foster Care Youth Medical Referral](#) form may be completed immediately for coverage effective January 1, 2014.
- The caseworker and youth will complete the medical referral form, ensuring the mailing address is an address that will accept mail on behalf of the young adult for up to 90 days from submission.
- E-mail the referrals to the Former Foster Care Youth Program to: 5508 C-MED ([5508.C-MED@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:5508.C-MED@dhsosha.state.or.us)).

**For Questions contact:**

OHP Customer Service Line at 1-800-699-9075 for questions regarding the 7210 medical application.

Branch 5508 for questions regarding the Former Foster Care Youth Program. Call Leslee Star at 503-947-2598 or Margaret Roberts at 503-945-5720.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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